

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:
  - receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application installation operation,
  - receiving from the application a call to initialize an application installation operation;  
and  
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application installation operation;  
and  
if the application installation operation is not executed successfully by the application,  
receiving a call to abort the application installation operation.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is at least one of the following: install, downsize, reinstall, uninstall.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is install, said call to initialize the application installation operation is InitializeInstall, and said call to finalize the application installation operation is FinalizeInstall.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is downsize, said call to initialize the application installation operation is InitializeDownsize, and said call to finalize the application installation operation is FinalizeDownsize.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is reinstall, said call to initialize the application installation operation is InitializeReInstall, and said call to finalize the application installation operation is FinalizeReInstall.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is uninstall, said call to initialize the application installation operation is InitializeUnInstall, and said call to finalize the application installation operation is FinalizeUnInstall.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a call from the application to get a property related to performing an application installation operation.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

10. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the method of claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:

receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application install operation;

receiving from the application a call to initialize the application install operation; and  
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application install operation; and  
if the application install operation is not executed successfully by the application,  
receiving a call to abort the application installation operation.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said call to SetProperty includes a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_COMPANYNAME as the property that is being set.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said call to SetProperty further includes a parameter for pointing to a string identifying a company.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said call to initialize the application install operation is InitializeInstall.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said call to finalize the application install operation is FinalizeInstall.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the steps recited in claim 12.

19. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the following:  
receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_SIGNATURE as the property that is being set;  
receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_CATEGORY as the property that is being set; and  
receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_ESTIMATEDINSTALLSIZE as the property that is being set.

20. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving from the application a call to retrieve an application property.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said call to retrieve an application property is GetProperty.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said call to GetProperty has a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_GUID as the application property being retrieved.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said call to GetProperty has a parameter for pointing to a string containing a GUID value identifying the application that is the object of the install operation.
24. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the following:  
receiving a call to GetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_ROOTPATH as the application property that is being retrieved; and  
receiving a call to GetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_SETROOTPATH as the application property that is being retrieved.
25. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the following:  
receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_EXECUTEMLINE as the application property that is being set; and  
receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_DEFAULTSETUPEXECMDLINE as the application property that is being set.
26. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the method of claim 12.
27. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:  
receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application uninstall operation;

receiving from the application a call to initialize the application uninstall operation;  
and  
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application uninstall operation; and  
if the application uninstall operation is not executed successfully by the application,  
receiving a call to abort the application uninstall operation.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said call to SetProperty has a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_GUID as the application property that is being set.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said call to SetProperty has a further parameter for pointing to a GUID for identifying the application that is the object of the uninstall operation.

31. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said call to initialize the application uninstall operation is InitializeUnInstall.

32. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said call to finalize the application uninstall operation is FinalizeUnInstall.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the steps recited in claim 27.

35. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:

receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application downsize operation;  
receiving from the application a call to initialize the application downsize operation;  
and  
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application downsize operation;  
and  
if the application downsize operation is not executed successfully by the application,  
receiving a call to abort the application downsize operation.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein said call to SetProperty has a parameter identifying application property APP\_PROPERTY\_GUID as the property being set.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein said call to SetProperty has a further parameter for pointing to a GUID for identifying the application that is the object of the downsize operation.

39. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to initialize the application downsize operation is InitializeUnInstall.

40. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to finalize the application downsize operation is FinalizeUnInstall.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the steps recited in claim 35.

43. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:

receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application reinstall operation;

receiving from the application a call to initialize the application reinstall operation;  
**and**

receiving from the application a call to finalize the application reinstall operation; **and**  
**if the application reinstall operation is not executed successfully by the application,**  
**receiving a call to abort the application reinstall operation.**

44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein said call to SetProperty has a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_GUID as the application property that is being set.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein said call to SetProperty has a further parameter for pointing to a GUID for identifying the application that is the object of the reinstall operation.

47. (Original) The method of claim 45 further comprising receiving a call to SetProperty having a parameter identifying APP\_PROPERTY\_ESTIMATEDINSTALLSIZE as the application property that is being set.

48. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein said call to initialize the application reinstall operation is InitializeReInstall.

49. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein said call to finalize the application reinstall operation is FinalizeReInstall.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the steps recited in claim 43.

52. (Currently Amended) A system for managing application installation operations, comprising:

    a computing device operable to read programmed instructions; and  
    programmed instructions for performing a method of communicating with an application, comprising:  
        receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application installation operation;  
        receiving from the application a call to initialize an application installation operation;  
        and  
        receiving from the application a call to finalize the application installation operation;  
        and  
        if the application installation operation is not executed successfully by the application,  
        receiving a call to abort the application installation operation.